

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

## Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 9am



"Love One Another" Ivan Guaderrama, artist

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*Sunday School on the lanai, except 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday for Family Sunday.*

**Opening Hymn #657 “Love Divine, All Love Excelling”**

**Opening Acclamation**

*The people stand in body or in spirit as the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Hymn of Praise #208 “The Strife is O'er” (verses 1 & 2)**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Lessons**

*The people are seated for the readings of the day.*

**First Reading Acts 11:1-18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a

message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 148** *We will sing responsively; the congregation will sing the verses in **bold**.*

1 Hallelujah!

2 Praise the Lord | from the heavens; \* **praise him | in the heights.**

2 Praise him, all you an- | gels of his; \* **praise him, | all his host.**

3 Praise him, | sun and moon; \* **praise him, all you | shining stars.**

4 Praise him, hea- | ven of heavens, \* **and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

5 Let them praise the Name | of the Lord; \* **for he commanded, and they | were created.**

6 He made them stand fast for e- | ver and ever; \* **he gave them a law which shall not | pass away.**

7 Praise the Lord | from the earth, \* **you sea-monsters | and all deeps;**

8 Fire and hail, | snow and fog, \* **tempestuous wind, do- | ing his will;**

9 Mountains | and all hills, \* **fruit trees | and all cedars;**

10 Wild beasts | and all cattle, \* **creeping things | and winged birds;**

11 Kings of the earth | and all peoples, \* **princes and all rulers | of the world;**

12 Young | men and maidens, \* **old and | young together.**

13 Let them praise the Name | of the Lord, \* **for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over | earth and heaven.**

14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his | loyal servants, \* **the children of Israel, a people who are near him. | Hallelujah!**

**Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **The Gospel: John 13:31-35**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **The Sermon**

The Reverend Alison Dingley

### **The Nicene Creed**

Found on the inside cover of your **Book of Common Prayer**

### **The Prayers of the People (Form III)**

**The Book of Common Prayer**, p. 387

### **The Peace**

*All Stand. The Celebrant says to the people.*

**'O ke aloha o ka Haku ka mea e mau loa aku me 'oukou.**

*(The peace of the Lord be always with you!)*

*The People respond.*

**A me 'oe pū nō ho'i.**

*(And also with you!)*

## The Offertory Sentence

*Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to God.*

## The Offertory Anthem “Who Has Seen and Not Been Humbled” by Salley Ann Morris

Scripture Sources Job 38-41; Laudato si’ (Pope Francis)

HNC Choir

## The Hawaiian Doxology

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Ho-o - na - ni i ka Ma - ku - a mau, Ke kei - ki me ka 'U - ha - ne no, Ke A -  
ku-a mau Ho-o - mai ka - i pu, Ko ke - ia ao ko ke - la ao. 'Ā - me-ne.

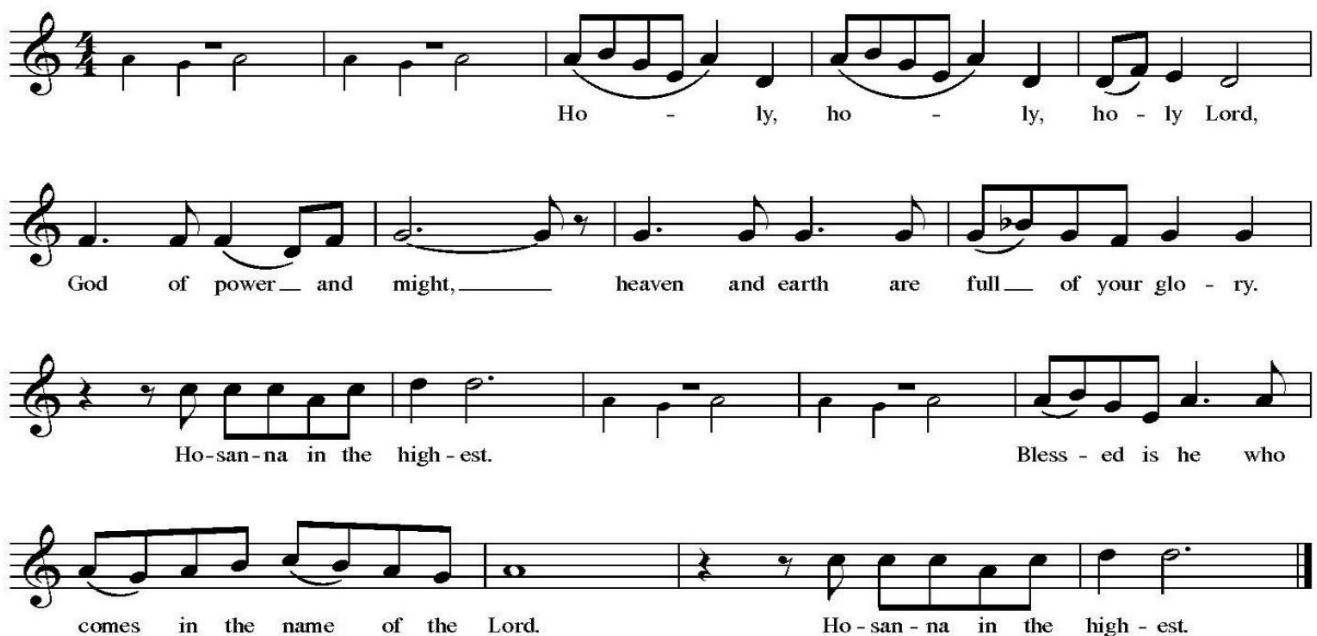
## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D

*The people remain standing, The Celebrant faces them and sings*

Book of Common Prayer, p. 372

#### Sanctus S-128



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

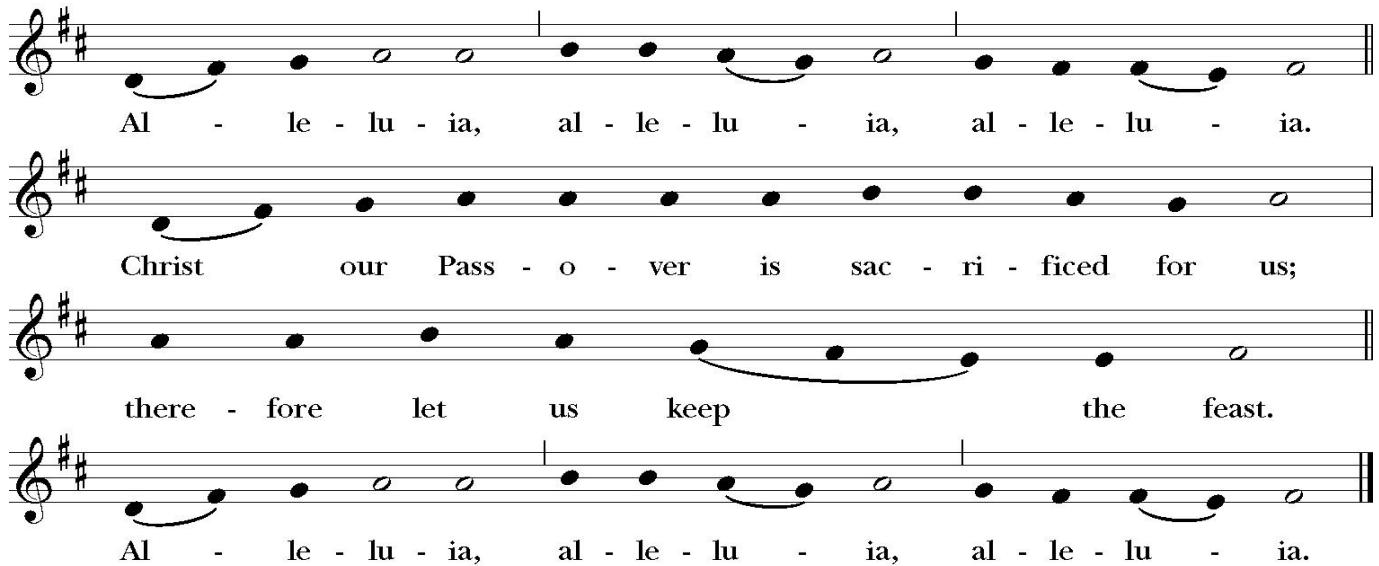
## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### Fraction S-154



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Celebrant says*

Nā Makana a Ke Akua na ka Po'e o Ke Akua. / The gifts of God for the people of God.

*At the time of distribution, those who wish to receive should move forward to the altar rail in two lines, filling in from makai to mauka. You may kneel or stand to receive the sacrament. You are welcome to receive the bread (traditional or gluten-free) only or both the bread and the wine from the ministers who will come past you. If you wish to receive a blessing, place your hands across your heart as you approach.*

Communion Anthem "Love Has Broken Down the Wall" by Mark A. Miller

Ina Young

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Announcements & Blessing**

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

### **Closing Hymn #376 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

### **The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The Postlude “All You Need is Love” by John Lennon & Paul McCartney**

Ina Young

***We thank you for joining us today!***

### **Ministry Team for Today's Service**

**Clergy:** The Reverends Libby Berman, Jennifer Latham, Robert Steele, Bill Heran, and Alison Dingley

**Eucharistic minister:** Rev. Bill    **Readers:** Dan Muenzer & Zoe Muenzer

**Usher:** Rich Miller    **Intercessor:** Olesya Noerper

**Technical team:** Alex Pickens & Georgia St. Germain

**Music Director** Ina Young & the HN Choir

*As they start their summer break, we thank the Choir for another season of beautiful music!*

**Join us next SUNDAY for the 6th Sunday of Easter, May 25th at 9AM  
(in person & on Zoom)**

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**Our Parish Prayer list:** Lisa, Barbara, David, Luci, Sheri, Brian, Heather, Wayne, Todd, Tom, Ann, Sandee, Doris, Linda, Esther, Antone, Betty, Bobby, Gregg, David, Eliane, Lorraine, Margot, Bill, Madeleine, Steven, Kristi, Katherine, Adele, and Kim.